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1. DR. HOWARD NOT ATTENDING WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY DELEGATION THIS YEAR. CONSEQUENTLY DIRECT DISCUSSIONS WITH DR. DY NOT POSSIBLE. HOWARD HAS POINTED OUT THAT AID HAS CONSIDERABLE PRECEDENT IN WORKING COLLABORATIVELY WITH WHO ON FIELD PROGRAMS. MALARIA ACTIVITIES HAVE HAD SUCH COLLABORATION OVER MANY YEARS AS DR. DY KNOWS. MORE RECENTLY, IN AREA OF HEALTH DELIVERY SYSTEMS, A MAJOR AID LOAN TO BRAZIL IS BEING SUPPORTED EXCLUSIVELY BY WHO TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND CONSULTANTS.

2. GUIDING PRINCIPLE IS THE DETERMINATION OF ROKG ON SOURCE OF CONSULTANTS. AID SHOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION TO PARTICIPATION WITH WHO. DETERMINATION AS TO WHETHER WHO CONSULTANTS SHOULD BE LONG-TERM OR SHORT-TERM IS DEPENDENT

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ENTIRELY UPON MUTUAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN ROKG/USAID/WHO.

AID/W RECOMMENDS THAT USAID SEND WRITTEN ASSURANCE TO DR. DY ON ACCEPTANCE OF THEIR INVOLVEMENT, ASSUMING THAT THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH A LETTER HAS THE PRIOR AGREEMENT AND APPROVAL OF ROKG. IN TERMS OF GAINING WIDER ACCEPTANCE FOR CONCEPTS OF LOW-COST HEALTH DELIVERY SYSTEMS AND HEALTH PLANNING THROUGHOUT THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, IT IS DESIRABLE THAT WHO COLLABORATION BE ENCOURAGED. AID/W SEES THAT WHO PARTICIPATION COULD SERVE TO REORIENT WHO PERSONNEL IN PRACTICE AND LOW-COST HEALTH SYSTEMS AND THEREBY ASSIST IN THE DISSEMINATION OF PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE IN KOREA. HOWEVER, RECOGNIZING ROKG RELUCTANCE TO INVOLVE WHO, AID/W REITERATES THAT WHO PARTICIPATION WILL REQUIRE FULL ROKG CONCURRENCE. U.S. DELEGATION TO WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY ADVISED ON THIS ISSUE PER STATE 115282, MAY 11, 1976. KISSINGER

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